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SUBJECT: NEWSDAY CORRESPONDENT GREENE

FOR EUR/ WE, E. BEIGEL, FROM KNIGHT, BNDD

1. SCOTT CUSTER ASKED KNIGHT TO SEND YOU HIS REMARKS ON RELATIONS WITH GREENE.

2. KNIGHT SAW GREENE PERHAPS THREE TIMES, BNDD INFO OFFICER FLANDERS SPOKE WITH HIM SEVERAL TIMES. AT FIRST MEETING KNIGHT PROVIDED TO GREENE DETAILED, COMPREHENSIVE (PERHAPS DIDACTIC) BRIEFING ON HEROIN TRAFFIC. OTHER MEETINGS WITH KNIGHT OR FLANDERS CONCERNED GREENE' S DESIRE THAT BNDD FURNISH RESEARCH AND INVESTIGATIVE FILE MATERIAL TO CONFIRM GREENE' S SUSPICIONS ABOUT IDENTITIES AND ACTIVITIES OF SUSPECTED TRAFFICKERS AND (ESPECIALLY) TO PROVE CORRUPTION IN FRANCE SHIELDING HEROIN TRADE. GREENE SUBMITTED TO KNIGHT 15- POINT LIST OF SUBJECTS ON WHICH HE WANTED REPORTS, AND TO FRENCH POLICE A 4.5- PAGE LIST.

3. INTERVIEWS THEN CONSISTED CHIEFLY OF GREENE' S PRESSING FOR INFORMATION WHICH KNIGHT COULD NOT PASS TO NON- OFFICIAL AGENCY, OR FOR PROOF (E. G., OF OFFICIAL FRENCH CORRUPTION) WHICH KNIGHT DID NOT IN ANY EVENT POSSESS.

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4. GREENE DID ASK FLANDERS FOR ACCESS TO KNIGHT ON OTHER OCCASIONS: ON ALL BUT ONE KNIGHT WAS IN FACT ABSENT. ON ONE, KNIGHT WAS BUSY AND WAS ASSURED BY FLANDERS GREENE STILL SEEKING NOT INTERVIEW BUT FILE INFO, AND CONJECTURES ON BASIS BEST CHARACTERIZED AS COLLABORATIVE.

5. T. MURPHY OFTEN IN TOUCH WITH GREENE, AND KNIGHT SENT WORD THROUGH MURPHY TO REPEAT HIS INITIAL OFFER MAKE CHIEF OF FRENCH DRUG OFFICE AVAILABLE TO COMMENT DIRECTLY ON POINTS (INCLUDING APPARENT INDICATIONS OF TRAFFICKERS' RELATIONS WITH POLITICIANS) WHICH GREENE FELT CHALLENGING AND UNCLEAR. MURPHY, IN LAST TALK WITH KNIGHT WHICH LATTER RECALLS, SAID GREENE OFF TO U. S. A. BUT WOULD PROBABLY RETURN AND TAKE UP KNIGHT'S OFFER. KNIGHT DID ASK MURPHY AND FLANDERS TO REMIND GREENE THAT KNIGHT WISHED BE RESPONSIVE AND HELPFUL, BUT THAT SOME MATERIAL (ON CURRENT SUSPECTS, FOR EXAMPLE) NOT PROPER FOR PASSAGE TO ANY JOURNALIST; AND KNIGHT AND FRENCH HAD AGREED IT FRUITLESS MERELY TO RECEIVE INPORTUANTE REQUESTS TO COLLABORATE WITH GREENE: FOR THIS IS WHAT MOST OF HIS REQUESTS AMOUNTED TO.

6. KNIGHT NEVER SUGGESTED CENSORSHIP TO GREENE.

7. SAMPLE OF POINTS REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 2:
QUOTE LIST OF ALL PERSONS CURRENTLY FUNCTIONING IN FRANCE WHOM YOU CONSIDER TO BE MAJOR ENTREPRENEURS IN MORPHINE BASE OR HEROIN TRAFFIC; ADDRESSES, AGES, ASSOCIATES, OCCUPATIONS, BUSINESS HOLDINGS, HANGOUTS, UNQUOTE. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT..
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